

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 2166 - HB 2259

January 22, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the penalty for first-time DUI conviction from two jail days to seven if blood alcohol content is .15 to .20 and from two days to fourteen days if blood alcohol content is greater than .20. For persons who refuse the test after involvement in an accident causing serious bodily injury the drivers license shall be suspended for two years (current law is one year) and for five years when the accident causes a death.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - \$993,085**

Because some license revocations would exceed the current period of one year the number of reinstatement fees to the Department of Safety would decline slightly. Expenditures for local jail time would increase. There were 20,990 first time DUI convictions in fiscal year 1996-1997. This estimate assumes that ten percent would receive seven day sentences and five percent would receive fourteen day sentences.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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